

Airmen’s Attic opens doors

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

The Airmen’s Attic, which offers free household goods to junior servicemembers, opened its doors for the first time after a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 14.

The facility is the first of its kind to exist at Columbus AFB.

“When Col. [Steve] Schmidt, [14th Flying Training Wing commander], arrived at this base, one of the first things he asked is, ‘Why don’t we have an Airmen’s Attic?’” said Lt. Col. Jim Davis, 14th Mission Support Squadron commander. “It’s been a year in the works, but we’ve got one up and running now.”

The cost-free facility is designed to help airmen in grades E-5 and below or, on a case-by-case basis, those with a first sergeant’s referral.

The Airmen’s Attic will help by providing them with principal household goods, such as dishes, vacuum cleaners and furniture.

First sergeants have keys to the building for after-hours access, and facility usage will be tracked through a log book, which will be reviewed at first sergeants’ meetings.

“The Airmen’s Attic is a great addition to Columbus AFB’s quality of life programs,” said Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 14th Operations Group first sergeant. “It affords temporary or long term solutions by providing essential items to our members who need the products and services offered by the facility.”

Volunteers from the thrift shop will also help oversee the Airmen’s Attic.

“So far, we’ve received items such as single beds, a dresser, pots, pans and some sheets,” said Ruth Ann Kinion, thrift shop manager. “We’d like to see more donations, specifically more furniture.”

The Airmen’s Attic is closed for the rest of November, but will open again in December.

People can donate or visit the Airmen’s Attic from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information about the Airmen’s Attic or to donate, call Ext. 2954.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

‘Tis the season

Staff Sgt. Teleetha Link, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, gives a flu shot to Maj. Jon Olekszyk, 14th Flying Training Wing. People can get their flu shots from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. today, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the community activity center. For more information, call Ext. 2187.

Wing exceeds CFC goal to 103%

Airman 1st Class Boto Best
Public affairs

Columbus AFB raised \$97,000 for the Combined Federal Campaign during its six-week campaign from Sept. 20 to Oct. 31, exceeding its goal by three percent.

“The tireless efforts of our commanders and CFC key workers will make a tremendous difference around the world as lives are touched by the gifts of our base community,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Bryan

Hochhalter, 14th Flying Training Wing’s CFC point of contact.

Chaplain Hochhalter said he was very thankful for the teamwork that went into a very successful campaign, highlighting 1st Lt. Ariol Paz, the 14th Flying Training Wing’s assistant CFC point of contact. He thanked Lieutenant Paz for doing a truly outstanding job in supporting the administrative efforts of the campaign.

Key workers for the campaign found creative ways to organize dif-

ferent fundraising events in their respective squadrons.

The wing’s mission support staff organized an in-house Halloween golf tournament spearheaded by Master Sgt. Freddie Singleton, raising \$131 for the campaign.

The 14th Communications Squadron raised about \$300 in a chili cook-off at the chapel annex. Master Sgt. James Bailey, 14th CS, won the competition.

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Dining-out tradition honors past, present warriors

Airman 1st Class Boto Best
Public affairs

The BLAZE enlisted team attended the dining-out Nov. 14 at the Columbus Club as part of a long-standing Air Force tradition.

Several distinguished guests attended, including Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy Dickens, 19th Air Force command chief.

The ceremony began with the posting of the colors by the base honor guard. A POW/MIA table was set and a candle lit in remembrance of four servicemembers who lost their lives in battle.

Senior Airman Lawrence Pitts, 14th Misson Support Group and Airman 1st Class Amber Ashy, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron, also referred to as Mister and Madame Vice, were masters of ceremony.

Since Colonel Schmidt was the only officer present, the president of the mess, Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld, gave him a chance to become an honorary enlisted member. Mister and Madame Vice asked the colonel nine questions about enlisted heritage. He would get one stripe for each correct answer. The colonel pinned on one stripe, attaining the rank of ‘airman’ for the duration of the evening.

Once the president declared the mess open, it was off to the grog for chiefs, first sergeants and airmen alike.

Since the grog was a no-lone zone this year, many supervisors got to accompany their airmen to the bowl.

Offenders had to toast to the mess and deposit one colonial dollar into the grog fund.

In keeping with the event’s theme of enlisted heritage past, present and future, the newest enlisted member of the BLAZE



Kevin Sisson

First sergeants from the 14th Flying Training Wing, current and retired, salute the president of the mess, Chief Master Sgt. Randy Auld, during the grog ceremony at the dining-out Nov. 14.

team, Airman Shane Vaughan, 48th Flying Training Squadron, sat at the head table with the distinguished guests.

Army Sgt. Carlton White and Spc. Jason Jefferson, 14th Security Forces Squadron, said the event make them feel a part of the BLAZE team.

After the grog was closed and everyone ate dinner, Chief Dickens, the guest speaker, reminisced about the acronyms and alliterations that characterize Air Force life. He thanked not only the troops, but also the spouses and other family members —unsung heroes— who play their part in

making the Air Force mission a success.

After Chief Dickens spoke, Colonel Schmidt made some closing remarks. He said he learned a lot from his father, an Air Force staff sergeant. “It’s not about where you come from... but what you do that counts,” he said.

Before the evening ended, Master Sgt. Stephen Gregory, Columbus AFB Top Three Association president and Staff Sgt. Tonya O’Toole, BLAZE 6 president, presented Airman Vaughan with a portion of the grog fund in anticipation of all that he would do in his Air Force career.

“It was very inspiring,” Airman Vaughan said. “I had already planned on making the Air Force a career, but this event strengthened that resolve.”

Senior Master Sgt. Wolfe, who planned the event, and Chief Auld both said they thought the event went well, and that the troops had a good time.

“More importantly, we’ve given our young folks a positive impression regarding one of our military traditions,” Sergeant Wolfe said. “This event is something they can take with them throughout the rest of their Air Force career.”

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“It’s a wonderful thing to be able to write a check or a payroll deduction to a charity of your choice, but there is something amazing that happens when people work together to raise money for a good cause,” said 1st Lt. Ellen Kowalchuk, 14th CS key worker.

Lieutenant Kowalchuk said the BLAZE team is a family of charitable hearts that give without a second thought and without being asked.

“I saw a great deal of compassion and generosity for those in need, and it really put our day-to-day blessings into perspec-

tive,” Lieutenant Kowalchuk said.

Chaplain Hochhalter said the kickoff luncheon total amount raised was the wing’s largest donation to date.

“Our world has some critical needs that often appear beyond our ability to meet, but when we come together as a team, it is

amazing to see the wonderful results and collective impact we can make,” he said.

Although the wing’s campaign is over, people can still donate to the national campaign.

For more information or to donate to the CFC, call Ext. 2500.

NEWS BRIEFS

Farewell to CJ's

Columbus AFB sadly bids farewell to CJ's Pizza effective today. Less than projected customer patronage has led base leadership and Columbus AFB Pilot Partner Chuck Trenary to reluctantly discontinue CJ's Pizza's on-base food service. Columbus AFB sincerely thanks all of CJ's staff for their support of the Columbus AFB community and wish them continued success in future business ventures.

Silver Wings deadlines

The deadline for bargain line ads for the Nov. 26 Thanksgiving issue is by 2 p.m. today. The paper will also have a special section in the Thanksgiving issue featuring a collection of favorite Thanksgiving Day recipes. Submissions are due today. Please send recipes to silverwings@columbus.af.mil. Please include your full name and phone number. No pictures of prepared items necessary. For more information, call Airman Alexis Lloyd at Ext. 7070.

Holiday hours

The commissary is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. For more information, call Ext. 7109. The exchange is closed Thursday, and it is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. The shoppette is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Air Force Monopoly board game debuts in AAFES stores

Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new game is scheduled to hit the shelves of base exchanges Dec. 1 when the Army and Air Force Exchange Service introduces Air Force Edition Monopoly. "This is a one-of-a-kind board game dedicated to the men and women of the United States Air Force," said Chris Burton, of the exchange service. According to the game box, "You've been appointed a joint air-component commander and must assemble your forces to deploy and fight the enemy. As you accumulate air expeditionary squadrons and wings, remember the words of the Air Force chief of staff, 'Victory belongs to those who can most

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Public affairs

Base officials cut a six-foot sub to mark the opening of a new Subway sandwich shop Nov. 14 at the exchange. "It's a place where anyone can grab a fast, healthy meal for lunch or dinner," said Judy Auld, full-time Subway manager. The subway caters to everyone from soccer families to pilots to make it as convenient as possible, Ms. Auld said. Steve Peña, exchange manager, said the Subway was the result of a search for a brand name fast food for Columbus AFB. "We knew that Subway was a great option, and with the help of Ed Von Trotha, central region senior vice president, we were able to make that happen," Mr. Peña said. The new sandwich shop offers a full selection including party platters and six-foot subs. People will also be able to fax their orders in when the shop begins distributing fax order forms to the various squadrons on base. Subway's hours are Mondays to Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.,



Airman 1st Class Boto Best
Tim Kirkland, sandwich artist, puts the finishing touches on a sandwich at the new Subway. Soon, Subway will be able to take fax orders.

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. "[The new Subway] saves time and money, it beats going downtown, and it's something you can put back into the base's funds," said Doris Gregory, Teximara contractor. "It'll take time for the service to pick up speed, but practice makes perfect." Subway only accepts cash at this time, but expects to take other forms of payment in the near future. For more information, call Subway at 434-5491.

quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe." In classic Monopoly risk-taking, deal-making style, players compete to control aircraft, rocket and satellite properties, Burton said. Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary squadrons and air expeditionary wings. "Also, the chance and community chest cards have been changed to airman's legacy and commander's call cards, with comments referring to the Air Force," Mr. Burton said. Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III. Even the money is custom made to

complement the Air Force theme. The Air Force edition comes after the success of the Army Monopoly game in August 2002, Burton said. Officials plan to stock the game for as long as customers demand the product, Burton said. Based on sales of the Army edition — the No. 1 board game sold by AAFES — Mr. Burton said the Air Force edition is expected to be as successful or better. Customers can purchase the game online at www.aafes.com starting Wednesday and in stores beginning Dec. 1.



Courtesy graphic
Air Force Edition Monopoly will be available at exchanges beginning Dec. 1.

Why I'm joining the "stay-at-home force"

Capt. Tammy Davidson
14th Flying Training Wing



Since I announced I was putting away my uniform and joining the "stay-at-home-mommy force," quite a few people have asked me why. I have to laugh a little because it is not only the same question I was asked when I came into the military, but it is also the same answer. It just feels like the right thing to do. A cheesy answer but the truth. Joining the Air Force for me was not just applying for a job with really great medical, dental and retirement benefits. It was my opportunity to thank my country for the freedoms we so often take for granted. What is the ultimate gift you can give to your country, which has provided more freedoms and benefits than you can even count? Your time. It is our most precious commodity, and it is something everyone chooses how

to use. Your time and how you spend it, is a measure of the fullness and purpose of your life. When I joined the Air Force, I pledged four years of my life to serve my country, and I have willfully and freely given the last five. It has not all been easy, but it has not been all that difficult either. I have learned many lessons from good commanders and bad commanders; good coworkers and bad coworkers; good troops and bad troops. I spent the first 18 months of my marriage geographically separated from my husband, and we have only been able to celebrate one of my last five birthdays together. I have also learned about my strengths and weaknesses, and have grown in more ways than I believed possible. The Air Force has been an experience that I will cherish, but I now feel I have completed showing our country my gratitude through service. I need to spend time on other important pursuits ... namely our family. I simply feel the right thing for me to do now is to stay home and raise our children. There is no greater gift I

can give them than my love, my devotion, and most importantly, my time. I noticed a bumper sticker on someone's car the other day that read, "You are not truly living until you find something you are willing to die for." I believe this is true. What greater thing is there than to find something you are willing to risk all of your remaining time on this earth for? This quote reminds me of the importance of time and of how much value I am placing on the things I devote my time to. My family is the most important thing in my life next to God, and I can only express that value through dedicating as much of my time as possible to them. I hope everyone comes to understand the value of their time and honor the things they hold most dear with the gift of their time. I personally thank each of you for the devotion of your time to the service of our nation. I will wholeheartedly miss being a part of the active duty force, but I will gratefully remain a part of the Air Force family. I hope to see you all again in this small Air Force. Best wishes, and Godspeed.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

"No hat areas" on Columbus AFB

Question: How far from a facility must you be to have your hat on? I recently observed an officer two feet from a building talking on his cell phone with no hat on. I know he was there at least 20 minutes, as he was still there when I made my return trip. Additionally, I have observed student pilots fueling their POVs without their flight caps on. At other bases where I have been stationed the shoppette fueling area has been designated as a "No Hat Area." This area had signs posting that designation. I am unsure of Columbus' "No Hat Area" policy. Could you please clarify this?
Answer: There are two "No Hat Areas" designated on base. The first is the area between the 48th Flying Training

Squadron and the road for loading/unloading the crew bus. The second is the flight line. For safety and foreign object debris reasons, no hats are worn on the flight line or within 25 feet of an operating aircraft. Both of these areas are annotated in Air Force Instruction 36-2903/Columbus AFB Supplement 1. The fuel pump area at the shoppette is not a designated "No Hat Area," and therefore, all members in uniform should wear their hat while fueling their vehicle. If a military member is in uniform, outside, they must have their hat on regardless of overhang or covering structure.
Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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Volunteerism: Any day is a ‘Day to Care’

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

As a way to proactively commemorate Sept. 11, about 100 base volunteers spent the morning working on community projects that supported local non-profit agencies and the city of Columbus. “Day to Care,” a United Way sponsored event, was an enormous success due in part to overwhelming base participation.

Volunteers spread out across the city to paint, landscape, repair facilities, restore grave sites, ride service buses with elderly citizens, deliver meals to homebound residents and more.

More than two months later, volunteer impact continues to resonate on both sides of the community service equation. Just last week, a thank you note arrived from the Palmer Home for Children residents and house parents who live in the cottage base volunteers painted.

One volunteer also recently called to check on the status of his downtown project and offered to expedite the next phase of landscaping around the T-37 static display. Both accounts reinforce the obvious — a few hours of community service can have a lasting impact on everyone involved.

The “Day to Care” example is especially relevant during this time of year. With the holiday season right around the corner, the impending stresses of pre-holiday planning are beginning to surface. Premonitions of extensive shopping, decorating, party planning, entertaining and traveling — on top of already hectic work schedules — become



2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
First Lt. John Speer, 37th Flying Training Squadron, and Capt. Chad Hewins, 48th FTS, volunteer at the Palmer Home during “Day to Care.”

overwhelming. We get so wrapped up in worrying about finding the “perfect gift” or planning the “perfect holiday” that we tend to forget about the gifts we already have in our lives. That’s why now is the perfect time to pause and put things in perspective. Why not kick off this holiday season by spending a few hours volunteering in the local community?

Columbus is home to a number of agencies you can contact about volunteer opportunities. One resource is the United

Way of Lowndes County — an umbrella organization for the Boys and Girls Club, Helping Hands, Safe Haven, YMCA, Red Cross, Mark Mitchell Children’s Shelter and many others. Other local agencies include the Palmer Home for Children, Humane Society, Mississippi Sheriff’s Boys and Girls Ranches, and Habitat for Humanity. To reach these organizations, call the United Way at 328-0943 or the Family Support Center at Ext. 2790.

Agency representatives will help you find a project that fits your schedule and personal skills. Some agencies, such as United Way shelters, have opportunities for volunteers with only weekend or evening availability.

One on-base option is participating in the Happy Fund shop and wrap during the morning of Dec.10 at the Columbus Club. For more information, call Julie Keck at 434-5165.

Another option to consider involves incorporating volunteerism into an event you’re already planning — like a squadron party. Many agencies have holiday wish lists available by phone or fax. You can distribute the list or relay general needs and ask guests to bring one item each to your event. Requested items are typically inexpensive and when the party is over, your squadron will have a sizeable, tailored donation to deliver.

Interacting with community agencies and those who benefit from non-profit services will enhance your appreciation of what happens when individuals rally together for the greater good. Sure, your holiday to-do list will still be waiting. But it might seem less important after spending time with someone who only wants a warm meal for Christmas.

So, pick an organization that holds meaning for you and offer up a little of your time — consider inviting friends, family, and co-workers to get involved. Make volunteering a new holiday tradition.

(Editor’s note: See below for thank-you note referenced in story.)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Dear friends,
We thank you so much for giving your time and energy to paint for us. Your generosity and support is appreciated, and we hope God blesses your endeavors.*

*From our hearts to yours,
Angela and Phil Sumrall
Buchanan Houseparents
Palmer Home for Children*

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Listed below are examples of programs designed to assist members of the Armed Forces serving overseas:

- ❑ Operation Hero Miles: This projects helps finance expensive airline tickets for American troops returning home from Iraq for newly authorized two-week leave periods. www.heromiles.org/index.html
- ❑ Contribute to “Gifts from the Homefront”: Certificates are available from the Army Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) to send to loved ones, family members and friends associated with the military. www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm

- ❑ Donate to “Operation USO Care Package” at: www.usocares.org/home.htm
- ❑ Operation Uplink: Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at www.operationuplink.org
- ❑ Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby: www.OperationDearAbby.net
- ❑ Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America Web site at: www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html
- ❑ Purchase a Patriot Bond at: www.ustreas.gov

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today

“*Intolerable Cruelty*” (PG-13, for sexual content, language and brief violence, 100 min.)
Starring: George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Saturday

“*Under the Tuscan Sun*” (PG-13, for sexual content and language, 113 min.)
Starring: Diane Lane and Sandra Oh.

Nov. 28

“*Good Boy*” (PG, for some mild crude humor, 100 min.)
Starring: Molly Shannon and Liam Alken.

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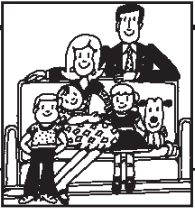
BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call Airman Boto Best for more information at Ext. 7069.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through Nov. 14
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program Tapes:
No tapes due to holiday

FAMILY SUPPORT

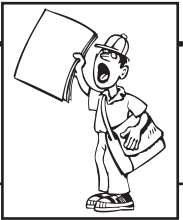


Computer programs: Self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage and PhotoDraw are available at the family support center. For more information, call Ext. 2839.

Holiday Stress: A seminar on dealing with holiday stress is from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Dec. 3 at the family support center. The event helps people evaluate traditions and situations that cause stress for families during the holidays and gives tips to lessen the stress. People must register by Dec. 1. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Self-esteem: A seminar on self-esteem in women’s lives is from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 at the family support center. The event will explain how to build self-esteem. People must register by Dec. 1. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

BASE NOTES



Dormitory meeting: A mandatory enlisted dormitory meeting is at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday at the base theater. For more information, call Ext. 2392.

Education center: The education center has new testing times for College Level Examination Programs at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and at 6 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays.

After Nov. 30, the education center will no longer be able to CLEP the following subjects: college mathematics, English composition, natural science, history of the United States I and II, principles of accounting and spanish. For more information, call Ext. 2563.

Thrift shop: The thrift shop is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted one hour before closing. The thrift shop is closed Nov. 21 and Nov. 25. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

Happy Wrap: The Happy Christmas



Airman Alexis Lloyd

After hours

Mary Ellen Sumrall, Baptist Memorial Hospital chief nurse, and Dean Griffin, Baptist Memorial Hospital chief executive officer, talk to 1st Lt. Christine Love, 48th Flying Training Squadron, about the T-1 during Business After Hours Nov. 20. Honorary commanders were recognized during this event. The Honorary Commander Program creates another way to foster interaction between base people and town citizens.

Fund annual Happy Wrap needs volunteers to help wrap gifts, transport gifts from the exchange and to downtown Dec. 10. For more information or to volunteer, call 434-5165.

Cookie drive: The Annual Base Holiday Cookie Drive is Dec. 15. People can drop off cookies, brownies, fudge or any other confectionary goods to the Columbus Club from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., or cookies that can be frozen can dropped off Dec. 8 at 7402 Jackson Circle. Volunteers are needed to help pack and deliver the goods to single unaccompanied personnel. For more information, call 434-6866.

OSC social: The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club’s next social is at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9. A buffet is served for \$11.50. Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are always welcome. Reservations are due by noon Dec. 2. For more information, call 434-8723 or email airtex60@yahoo.com.

Pottery steins: The address for Sherry Pence’s Web site was wrong in the Nov. 14 issue.

The correct site is www.MadMadPotter.com.

LEAD: The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program deadline is Jan. 31, 2004. The program delegates commanders the authority to nominate exceptional airmen with less than six years of service for an appointment to the Air Force Academy. The Academy has 50 slots for the Academy Prep School. To learn more about how to put a package together, call Ext. 2563.

Travel office: The commercial travel office is closed Thursday and Nov. 28. If people have ticketing needs, ensure they are taken care of before the holiday. Emergency ticket services are available by calling (800) 639-0689. For more information, call Ext.2684.

Scout information: The Girl Scout’s mother-daughter sleepover is Dec. 6 at the youth center. For more information, call Latoya Marble at Ext. 2504.

The Boy Scouts have a Basic Leader Training Camp at Camp Seminole Dec. 5 to Dec. 7. Anyone interested in working with a scouting program can sign up. For more information, call Greg Johnson at 343-5362.



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T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 04-02 earns silver wings

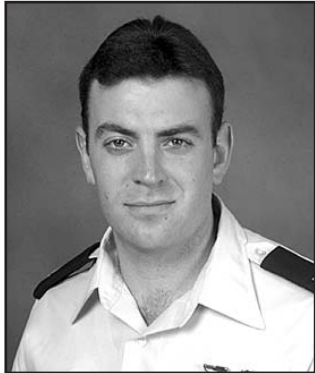


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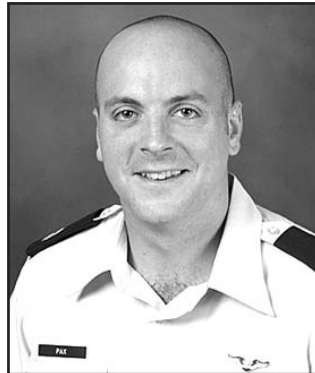
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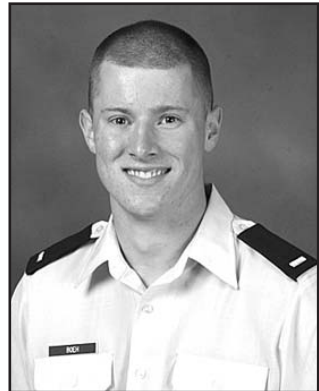
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2nd Lt. Trent Colburn
Galt, Calif.
C-21, Andrews AFB, Md.

Twenty-four officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-02 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Edward Ellis, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations.

General Ellis assists the Commander of Allied Air Forces Southern Europe in formulating and implementing NATO command policies and operational guidance for peace and war.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Capt. Dominic Chiapusio, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Douglas Johnson, T-1A, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Daniel Boeh Jr., T-1A, and Patrick McGarry, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Captain Chiapusio and Lieutenant Johnson were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, tur-

boprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and missions.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

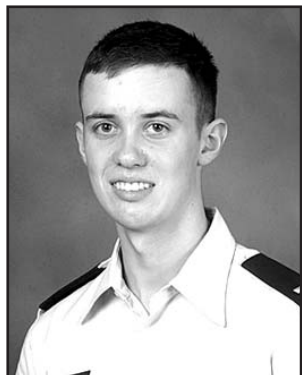
Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about

26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

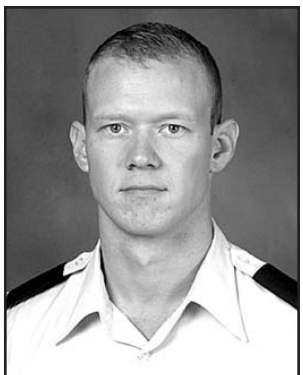
The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Magnolia Kiwanis Club, Trendsetters Salon and Bob's Paint and Auto Body.)*



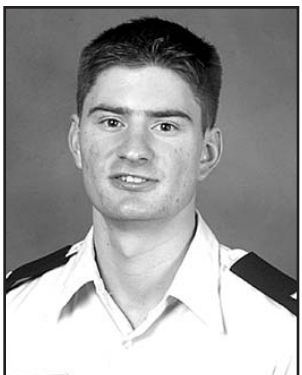
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C-21, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



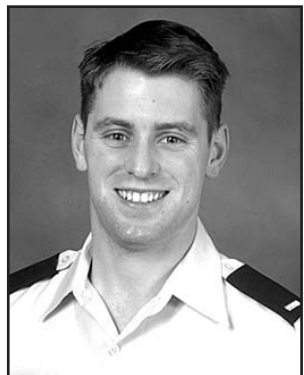
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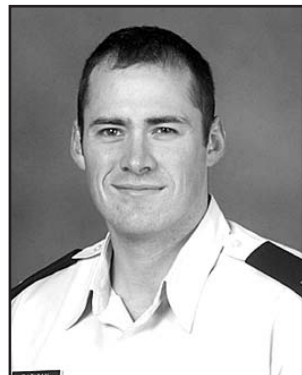
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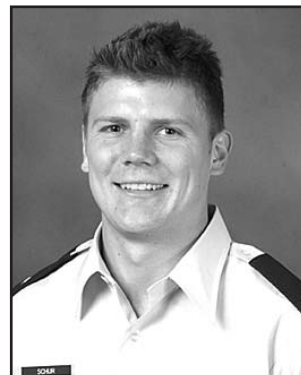
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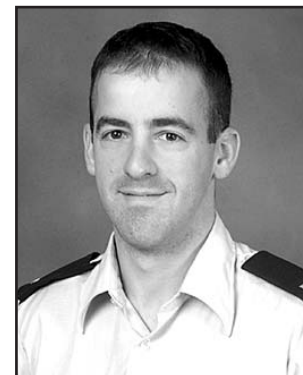
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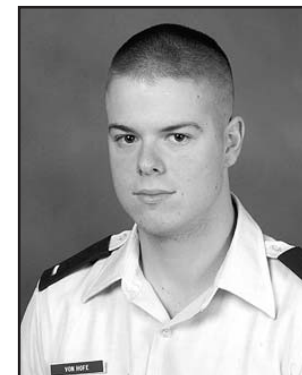
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2nd Lt. Adam Sylvan
Lawrenceville, N.J.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



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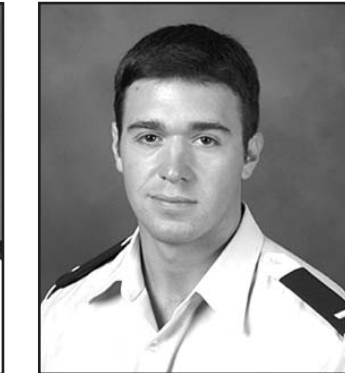
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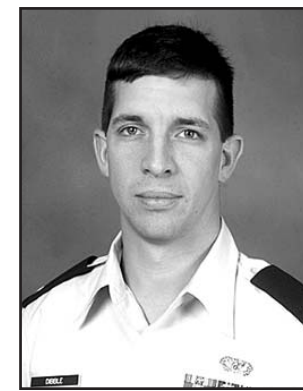
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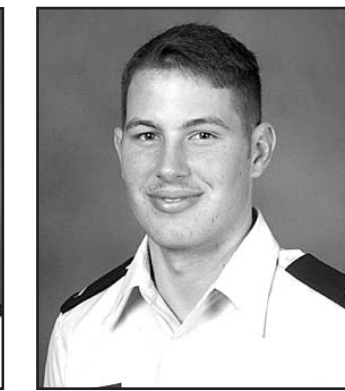
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2nd Lt. Dominic Conlan
Worcester, Mass.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Bryce Dibble
Richmond, Va.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Jared Gude
Dade City, Fla.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.

Services brings a variety of activities to base

Catfish buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members.

Customers may still order off the ala carte menu. Call Ext. 2490.

Silver Star casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip today. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation and \$15 in coin. Call Ext. 7861 for reservations.

Youth trip to automobile museum: The youth center offers a trip to the automobile museum in Tupelo, Miss. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$5 per person and includes visiting the museum and the Barnes Crossing Mall. Call Ext. 2504.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers youth and adult classes each month. Participants must register at least four days in advance to ensure all supplies are on hand.

Youth classes are offered at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. on the day of the classes. Upcoming classes include making a gift for Dad Dec. 3 for \$5 and a gift for Mom Dec. 10 for \$5 and make your choice of two ornaments Dec. 17 for \$4.

Adult classes include making soda can angels Dec. 2, a beaded Christmas safety pin Dec. 9 or crochet thread angel ornaments Dec. 16. Cost for the December

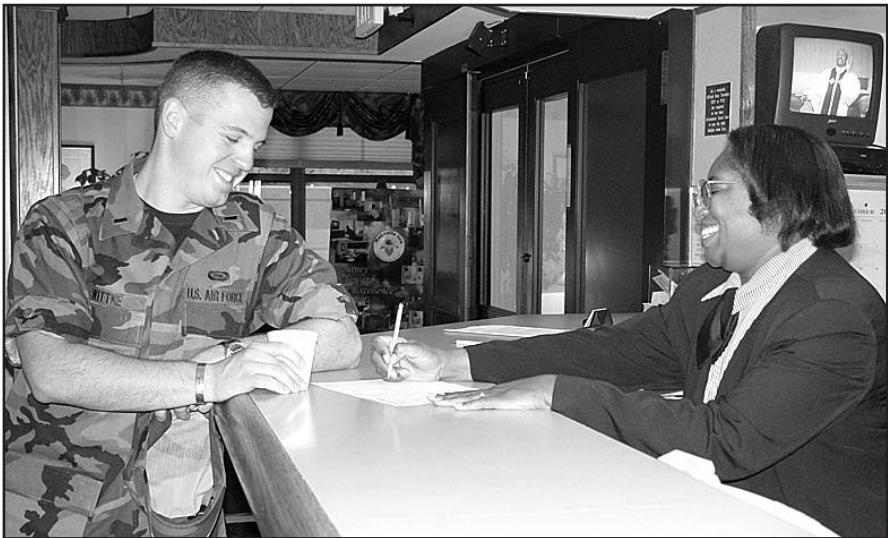
classes are \$5 each. Call Ext. 7836.

Thanksgiving holiday hours: All services activities will be closed Thanksgiving day except for Magnolia Inn which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and the Cardinal Inn dining facility which is open from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Holiday hours for Nov. 28 are as follows: Auto skills center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., bowling center open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Cardinal Inn, open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m., fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk, outdoor recreation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., library from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., skills development center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the youth center from 5 p.m. to midnight. All other services activities are closed.

Free squadron bowling parties: The bowling center offers two free hours of bowling for an official squadron function anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Shoe rental is 75 cents per person, if needed. There are no limits as to how many times a squadron takes advantage of this free offer, but it must be reserved in advance with the bowling center staff. Call Ext. 2426.

Mardi Gras trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to New Orleans Feb. 14 to Feb. 16. Cost is



Pam Wickham

Booked for holidays

Second Lt. Andy Wittke, 14th Operations Support Squadron, checks into the Magnolia Inn with Ida Solomon, desk clerk. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season, military members may make Space-A reservations for family members for up to eight days during the Thanksgiving holidays through Nov. 29 and for up to 20 days for anytime between Dec. 12 to Jan. 9. Call Ext. 2548 for reservations.

\$165 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging at the Holiday Inn. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering. Call Ext. 7861.

National Football League trips: The information, ticket and travel office offers two trips to New Orleans to watch the Saints play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Dec. 7 and the New York Giants Dec. 13.

Cost for each trip is \$99 per person and includes transportation, one night's lodging at the Radisson on Canal Street and a ticket to the game. Bus will leave the community center on Saturday at 9 a.m. and return Sunday evening. Call Ext. 7861.

Ski the Smoky Mountains: Register by Jan. 9 at the information, ticket and travel office for this trip Jan. 17 to Jan. 19 to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Cost is \$199 and includes transportation, two night's lodging, lift tickets and rentals. If a person does not require rentals cost is \$170 per person or for those nonskiers cost is \$125. A deposit of \$50 is required upon registering. Call Ext. 7861.

Quick shot bingo: The bowling center offers quick shot bingo anytime the bowling center is open. Cash prizes. Cards are \$1 each.

“Happy” burger: Stop by the Columbus Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and take advantage of the best lunch deal on the base.

Order a Happy Burger, fries and a drink for only \$3.95 for members.

Nonmembers pay \$5.95. An ala carte menu is also available along with a take-out service. Call Ext. 2489.

Football Frenzy: Enter to win in the club's football frenzy program. The enlisted lounge is open Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m.

The prizes include tickets to the Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl game. For details, stop by the club.

Youth instructional classes: The youth center offers the following instructional classes; karate, voice lessons, tumbling tots, guitar lessons, tennis lessons, dance and sign language. Call Ext. 2504.

Breakfast bagels: The bowling center adds bagels to their menu starting Monday. Cost is 75 cents each. Call Ext. 2426.

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club offers this brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

Charity sale: A charity sale at McRae's is from 6 to 11 a.m. Saturday. The sale benefits local charities. People can pay \$5 for a ticket to access the sale and a chance for door prizes. Tickets are available at McRae's.

Christmas recital: The advent season is greeted with a recital at 4 p.m. Nov. 30 at Starkville's First United Methodist Church. The recital is features a classical guitarist Michael Patilla. The program is part of the Mississippi State University Faculty Artist Series, and is free to the public.

Columbus parade: The annual Christmas Parade through historic downtown Columbus begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 1. The parade starts on College Street and loops down to Main Street. The parade is

open to the public. For more information, call 328-4491 or 328-7261.

Trees of Christmas: The Columbus Public Library displays “Trees of Christmas” from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31. The handmade decorations represent literary and musical themes.

Exhibits depicting the holiday season are on display from elementary students, private collections, and garden and community clubs.

The displays are free to the public. The library is located at 314 7th Street North. For more information, call 329-5300.

Driving tours: The self-guided driving tours by decorated historic homes are Dec. 1 to Dec. 31.

Brochures with maps are available at the Columbus Welcome Center for the

houses decorated in Antebellum and Victorian eras. The tours are free to the public.

For more information, call (800) 327-2686.

Singing tree: The singing Christmas tree with 100 voices singing along with a community orchestra and 6,400 twinkling lights is at 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 5 and 7 p.m. Dec. 6 to Dec. 7.

The 30-foot “living” Christmas tree is at First United Methodist Church on Main Street and is free to the public.

For more information, call 328-5252.

Arts and crafts show: The Indoor Holiday Arts and Crafts show is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Lake Lowndes State Park. For more information, call 328-2110.

Christmas shoes: A play by Wesley United Methodist Church, “Christmas Shoes,” is at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Christian life center. Admission for the hour-long show is free. For more information, call 328-8644.

Children's theatre: “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” is performed by the Columbus Players, a children's theatre. Performances are at 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 20 in the Rent Auditorium at the Mississippi University for Women's campus. Tickets are \$5 for children under 12 and \$10 for adults.

Antebellum home tours: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors antebellum home tours daily. For more information, call 329-3533 or visit the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Starts today and ends Jan. 4, 2004.

Contact a dorm council representative or call the community center at Ext. 7450 for more information.



Airman 1st Class Boto Best

Aerobicize

Charnelle Joiner, full-time aerobics instructor, stretches out her lunchtime class Wednesday at the fitness and sports center. Ms. Joiner's aerobics classes are from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center offers a variety of other classes. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

SHORTS

Indoor soccer registration

Indoor soccer registration begins Saturday and lasts until Dec. 15.

Cost is \$25 for players. Participants must have a current physical on file or obtain one prior to the start of the season. A late charge of \$10 will be assessed if signed up after Dec. 15. Volunteer instructors are needed. Call Ext. 2503.

Cosmic no-tap bowling

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament Nov. 21. Sign up by 6:45 p.m., and the games begin at 7 p.m.

Entry is \$10 per person.

Players must get a strike with a red-head pin to spin the wheel to win a prize.

Every game, randomly selected indi-

viduals are challenged to knock down a certain number of bowling pins. Call Ext. 2426.

Wacky glo ball

Wacky glo ball is Nov. 22. The tournament begins with 9-holes of wacky golf starting at 4 p.m., then dinner and then 9 holes of glo ball golf.

Entry is \$25 for members and \$25 plus greens fees for nonmembers.

Cost includes dinner, prize fund and glo balls. Call Ext. 7932.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren't sure how to use all the fitness and sports center's machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center shows people how to find their target heart rate and to use all of the equipment.

Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2772.

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. Call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics classes

Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center.

There are 15 different classes every week. For information on class times, call the Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday.

Computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus green fees for nonmembers.

Flag football standings

The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

Teams	Wins	Losses
14th OSS		
Tweets		
48th FTS		
14th CES #2		
14th CES #1		
14th SFS		
14th CONS		
14th CS		
14th MDG		
14th MSS		

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